

THE DEMOCRAT

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MONROE CITY, MO.

Dr. Hornback, Oculist and
A. J. Hannibal, Mo.

Mrs. A. Boulware spent Sun-
day with Hannibal friends.

L. C. Saunders was in St.
Louis Friday purchasing Xmas
goods. He bought a nice line.

FOR SALE—A second hand
heating stove. Inquire at the
DEMOCRAT.

Mrs. W. S. Wilson was called
to Palmyra Saturday by the
death of her brother, Howard
Young.

Come and see us before get-
ting your hogs killed. We want
to make prices to you.

BALZER & DIRIGO.

The sleepy town of Philadel-
phia, Pa. has captured the Na-
tional Republican convention
which meets June 19, 1900.

Hides, pelts and furs are
wanted at Balzer & Dirigo's
meat market. The highest mar-
ket price will be paid.

The most handsome line of
Ladies' ever shown in Monroe
City.

RANEY & SAUNDERS.

John Naeter, of the Quincy
Journal, paid this office an ap-
preciated call Thursday even-
ing.

It is an established fact that
Paris' perfumes are the
finest. All styles of Fancy
Perfumes at

RANEY & SAUNDERS.

Uncle Threlkeld of Shelbyna
was the guest of his uncle, Geo.
W. Raney, Saturday and Sun-
day.

If you have hogs you want
to turn into pork bring them
round and we will do it neatly
and cheap.

SHARP & DONLEY.

HIBERNIANS.

The Ancient Order of Hiber-
nians are raising a fund of \$1-
000,000 for the purpose of equip-
ping and transporting troops to
South Africa to assist the
Boers.

The Missouri, Kansas Tele-
phone Company stringing two wires into
and two out of the city Friday.
The Central office is in good
shape at Raney & Saunders.
The linemen reached Hunnewell
Monday night and expected to
reach Shelbyna last night.

London, Dec. 18.—Baron Rob-
erts of Kandahar and Water-
ford has been ordered to South
Africa to take charge of the
British campaign. Lord Kitch-
ener will go with him. There
was rioting in Dublin Sunday.
The Irish denounce the British-
Boer war.

BURLINGTON ROUTE HOLI-
DAY RATES.

One and one-third fare for
Round trip to points within 200
miles except Hannibal which
will be one fare for round trip.
Tickets on sale Dec. 23-24-25-30
and 31 and Jan. 1st. Good to
return until Jan. 2nd.

J. L. LYON, Agt.

Mrs. J. H. Bell will give a
supper at her home near Hatch
on Thursday evening the 28th
of Dec., for the benefit of the
Creek Cemetery. Oys-
ters, pickles, cake and coffee
will be served. All cordially
invited. Admission 25 cents
each.

Farm Loans at 6 Per Cent.

We have prepared to loan sums
of \$1,000 or more on good im-
proved farms in Monroe County
at 5 per cent interest with small
commission, or 6 per cent with
out commission.

J. A. MELSON & CO,
Monroe City, Mo.

If free trade is detrimental to
the United States, free trade
with Porto Rico, Cuba and the
Philippines must necessarily
work great injury to our pro-
tected industries.—P.-D.

GREAT BRITAINS

FALLEN IDOLS.

WHITE—His generals, Sym-
onds and Yule, defeated in the
battles of Glencoe and Dundee,
and the former killed Oct. 20-26
with a total loss of 169; repul-
sed at Elandslaagte, 51 killed,
213 wounded, Oct. 21; defeated
at Nicholson's Nek, 60 killed,
240 wounded and 1000 captured,
Oct. 30; now penned up in
Ladysmith and helpless.

METHUEN—Checked at Bel-
mont and lost 292, Nov. 23; de-
feated at Gras Pan with a loss
of 195, Nov. 25-26; overcome at
Modder River and lost 474, Nov.
28; driven back in a rout in at-
tack on Magersfontein on Dec.
12, with a loss of 832.

GATACRE—Met the Boers in
one battle only at Stormberg
on Dec. 10, and was routed com-
pletely, losing 627 men, of
whom 600 were taken prisoners.

BULLER—Commander in Chief
of South African forces, who
boasted that he would eat
Christmas dinner in Pretoria,
attempted to cross Tugela River,
at Colenso, Friday; driven
back with heavy loss.

BULLER'S DEFEAT.

General Buller reports that
he fought an engagement
against the Boers at the Tugela
river in Natal yesterday and
sustained a severe reverse.

The river is fordable, he says
at only two places.

He sent a brigade to each
ford and held one in reserve
between them to re-enforce
either or both, and dispatched
artillery along the river to
support the infantry.

The artillery was entrapped
by the Boers, who captured ten
guns, another being destroyed.

Hart's brigade meanwhile was
unsuccessful. Hilyard's brigade
also did not get across,
and, the artillery failing, Bull-
er ordered general retirement
to his camp at Chievele.

He says that his entire army
was engaged.

His losses in the infantry
brigades, he fears, are heavy,
but hopes that the percentage
of severely wounded will not
be large.

The Connaught Rangers suf-
fered a large loss. Their Col-
onel was severely wounded.

The losses in Hart's brigade
were heavy.

London opinion is that Bul-
ler's advance is now checked
until he can be re-enforced.

St. Catherine's Guild (Epis-
copal) is getting up a bazaar
It is to come off Dec. 26th and
will be in the room formerly
occupied by Raney & Saunders,
under the New Monroe Hotel.

Rev. Wiley J. Patrick filled
appointments at Bethlehem
Saturday and Sunday.

TO CURE LA GRIPPE IN TWO DAYS
Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE TABLETS.
All druggists refund the money if
cure. E. W. Grove's signature on every box. 10c



The Rein Deers Are Coming.

Copper Nickel Plated Coffee Pots
" " " Tea "
" " " Baking Dishes.
" " " Crumb Trays
" " " Waiters
Silver Knives and Forks
" Tea and Table Spoons

SKATES,
CARVERS,
SHOT GUNS,
AND BUILDERS HARDWARE.
POCKET KNIVES,
RIFLES,
AMMUNITION.
STOVES!

Stoves still going at the old price, although
iron has gone skyhigh.

A. Jaeger, Monroe City, Mo.
Tel. No. 24.

Frank Tipton, of the Stouts-
ville Banner, came down Fri-
day afternoon to visit friends.
The chances are that Frank
will be down often between now
and New Years. That is right
Frank come as often as you
wish and your numerous friends
will give you a hearty welcome.

A misplaced comma has got a
Greeley county (Kan.) paper
into a peck of trouble. The
journal in question recently
published an item in which the
following sentence occurred:
"Two young men from Leoti
went with their girls to Tribune
to attend the teachers' insti-
tute, and as soon as they left,
the girls got drunk." The com-
ma belonged after the "girls,"
and the latter are making it hot
for the editor.

John S. Buckman and family
left Saturday morning for Col-
orado Springs, Colo. Indian
Creek has lost a good citizen
and Colorado gained one. The
DEMOCRAT does not only wish
him success but will carry the
news to him in his new home.
He paid this office an apprecia-
ted visit before leaving.

Monroe City royally enter-
tained the Committee appointed
to look out a location for the
Home for the Feeble Minded,
last week. If the biggest bid,
an ideal location and tireless
hustling count for much Mon-
roe City ought to be a winner.
—Paris Appeal.

The State Superintendent has
recently visited a large number
of schools—many of them in the
rural districts. From these vis-
its and from personal contact
with the teachers it is learned
that hundreds of teachers in all
parts of the state are making
commendable efforts to adapt
their schools to the Course of
Study recently sent out. All
who have undertaken the Liter-
ature and Nature work say that
there is new life in their schools.

Applicants for State Certifi-
cates who expect to take the ex-
amination on December 26 and
27, should write the State Su-
perintendent of Schools, notify-
ing him at once of such inten-
tion. All such applicants should
be on hand at Jefferson City at
8 a. m. Tuesday. The examina-
tion will close at 5 p. m. Wed-
nesday. No applicant will be
permitted to begin the examina-
tion on Wednesday because it
will take any person fully two
days to complete it. There will
be no other examinations until
the last of May.

The State Teachers Associa-
tion convenes at Jefferson City
on December 27. Pres. Jesse
has arranged the best pro-
gramme ever presented at such
a meeting—many new features
have been added. All railroads
in the state have offered one
fare for the round trip. One-
half day is to be given to the
discussion of rural school prob-

lems. The County Commission-
ers will have a meeting of their
own to discuss questions per-
taining to Institutes, Summer
Schools, Examinations and
Grading of Rural Schools. The
State Superintendent is anxious
for them to adopt a policy on
these questions which will in-
sure harmony of action and
progress. More than one-half
of the 114 commissioners have
determined to be present. It is
confidently predicted that there
will be 1500 teachers in Jeff-
erson City during this meeting.
There is not an old threadbare
subject on the programme and
every topic will be handled by
that person in Missouri who is
best able to present its every
phase.

GAVE THEMSELVES UP.

New York, Dec. 14.—D. B.
Green, Colonel John F. Gaynor,
the contractors with whom
Captain Oberlin M. Carter was
associated in the Savannah
River and Cumberland Sound
improvements, surrendered this
morning to United States Com-
missioner Shields.

The men were indicted last
Friday by the United States
Grand Jury at Savannah for be-
ing concerned in a conspiracy
by which the Government was
defrauded out of \$575,949.
Michael A. Connelly, who is
also a member of the Atlantic
Dredging and Contracting Com-
pany, and who was indicted at
the same time, is said to
have left the country.